

CITY OF LARKSPUR

RESOLUTION NO. 12/03

**A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LARKSPUR AND THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CORTE
MADERA REQUESTING THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE TO BE STUDIED
AT THE GREENBRAE/101 INTERCHANGE CORRIDOR STUDY**

WHEREAS, the Marin County Congestion Management Agency recognized about five years ago that the Greenbrae/101 interchange in Larkspur which is the most heavily traveled intersection in Marin County, is also a regional transportation hub due to its proximity to Highway 101, Highway 580, Sir Francis Drake Boulevard and to the major ferry, bus, pedestrian and bicycle centers and pathways in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Marin County Congestion Management Agency further recognized that the Greenbrae/101 interchange is on the only north-south highway in the County, and the only full service easterly connector to the East Bay and westerly connector to West Marin and the Coast, and that the rates of accidents and congestion at the Greenbrae/101 interchange are much higher than average and affect the entire corridor between San Rafael and Corte Madera as well as other areas in the East Bay and North Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Marin County Congestion Management Agency initiated a consultant study by the engineering firm CH2MHill with an initial budget of about \$250,000 about two years ago to evaluate the Greenbrae/101 interchange and suggest alternatives and a course of action that would be used as a basis for future improvements with CalTrans in the form of a Project Study Report (PSR); and

WHEREAS, once the "US Highway 101 Interchange with Sir Francis Drake Boulevard in Marin County Interim Planning Report" was completed in May 2002, the Marin County CMA asked the City of Larkspur and the Town of Corte Madera to work together to select a preferred alternative for improvements to the interchange and the corridor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Larkspur and the Town of Corte Madera have been working together, evaluating a range of alternatives for traffic circulation improvements along what is commonly known as the Greenbrae/101 Interchange Corridor; and

WHEREAS, in early September 2002 a subcommittee of council members in Larkspur and Corte Madera was formed to evaluate the options for the corridor in detail and to make joint recommendations to Larkspur and Corte Madera about the most viable options; and

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WHEREAS, on September 25, 2002, Larkspur Councilmember Joan Lundstrom and Corte Madera Councilmembers Jin Yang and Michael Lappert toured the entire corridor from the Tamalpais/101 interchange to the 580/101 interchange to better understand the dynamics of the traffic circulation; and

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2002 the Larkspur and Corte Madera Councils met in a historic joint session to discuss the alternatives for the corridor and generally agreed to proceed with selecting an alternative based on further discussions in each community and with the assistance of the subcommittee and staff; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2002 and December 18, 2002 respectively, the Corte Madera and Larkspur Councils agreed that an amended Alternative 4 from the "US Highway 101 Interchange with Sir Francis Drake Boulevard in Marin County Interim Planning Report" dated May 2002, with funding from the Marin County Congestion Management Agency (CMA) represented the preferred alternative for both communities; and

WHEREAS, the amendments to Alternative 4 included study of the Tamalpais/101 interchange and the on/off ramps at Madera, noting that the Corte Madera representatives were particularly concerned about the impact of local road traffic circulation related to the Madera on/off ramps, and Larkspur representatives were concerned about traffic impacts on local roads from a full Wornum, Drive Interchange and the impacts on bicycle and pedestrian access.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Larkspur and the Town of Corte Madera wish to convey the following information to the Marin County Congestion Management Agency (CMA).

1. The two communities are in agreement that Alternative 4 from the "US Highway 101 Interchange with Sir Francis Drake Boulevard in Marin County Interim Planning Report, prepared for Marin County Congestion Management Agency, May 2002", amended to include studies of the Tamalpais/101 Interchange and the Madera on/off ramps is our preferred alternative because of the interrelationship among the changes in the study area; and
2. The two communities respectfully request that the remaining funding for this study be committed to completing the Project Study Report (PSR) as described above and that if additional funding is needed to complete the report that the CMA commit to finding and allocating that funding; and

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3. The two communities further request that the entire corridor be studied simultaneously to make certain that the relationships between all the proposed improvements and changes are integrated and coordinated so as not to have to duplicate studies in the future at additional cost if the preferred alternative is studied in phases.

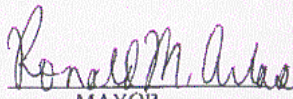
IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the City Council of the City of Larkspur adopted the foregoing resolution at a regular meeting held on the 5th of March 2003 by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Arlas, Hillmer, Lancot, Lubamersky, Lundstrom

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK